

**Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting**

June 20, 2013

6:00 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on June 20, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

David R. Phillips
Robert Patterson
Alan McDonald
Benny Mergist
Jeffery Bradshaw
Erik Rowland

Also Present:

City Manager
City Recorder
Planning Director
Chief of Police

Mark K. Anderson
Michelle Kellogg
Anthony Kohler
David Booth

Others Present: Annie McMullen, Mike Thurber, Rodney Hopkins, Paulette Thurber, Randall Clark, Carol Clark, Kelleen Potter, Anissa Wardell and others whose names were illegible.

Michael Thurber, Country Meadows Estates Subdivision HOA, Discuss Piping of the Spring Creek Canal: A map was displayed showing the subdivision and the canal. Thurber stated the property lines did not end in the middle of the canal as the Council had been told, but they ended at the fence line on the other side of the canal. He noted that in brainstorming with Mumford, piping the canal had been one suggestion. Also, in speaking with Tozier regarding this possibility, Tozier was in favor of the idea, but said the pipeline would need to be jetted out every other year.

Council Member McDonald asked how many months of the year did water flow in the canal. Thurber indicated that during the fall there would be water flowing but during the summer it was dry except for pools in which insects would breed. Council Member McDonald asked if there was seepage from the canal into the homes. Thurber stated he had two to three inches of water in his crawl space.

Anderson stated that the City used several points along the canal to insert storm water. A canal maintenance agreement was drafted where the City agreed to maintain the canal in exchange for using the canal. Council Member Mergist was concerned that if pipes were placed in the culvert, it would increase the likelihood of flooding in wet years. It was thought that there were no recorded easements along the canal for the irrigation company, but Anderson stated there was a prescriptive right of use based on historic use.

Thurber referred to Anderson's staff memo concerning the statement that the HOA did not have funds to contribute to the project. Thurber noted that the homeowners collectively paid \$60,000 in storm water impact fees. It was also noted that the canal was eroding. After some discussion on ownership, Kohler stated that it was now the norm for developers to deed canals to the City.

Review Potential Corridor Preservation Projects: Mayor Phillips asked for Council input in prioritizing these projects. Council Member McDonald was in favor of completing one part of the southern bypass. Council Member Mergist agreed to complete one leg of the bypass. Council Member Patterson wanted to complete the bypass from Midway Lane to Highway 189. Council Member Bradshaw thought it was critical to take traffic off Main Street by acquiring the areas to complete the western bypass. Council Member Rowland thought inquiring with the owners to see who the willing sellers were, and then prioritizing the acquisitions based on that information would be the first step. Mayor Phillips thought completing the southern portion of the bypass would have an instant return in reducing traffic since it would immediately connect one road to another.

Anderson stated this information was a tool the Council could use to communicate with the County Council, since the majority of the land was not in the City's Master Plan to ever be within the City limits. Council Member Rowland suggested establishing a bypass committee. Anderson said the way the statute read was that the mayor of each community would be on the interlocal committee that made decisions on issues that affected the valley. Council Members Rowland, McDonald, Mergist and Bradshaw were in favor of completing the southern portion of the bypass if the sellers were willing.

Mayor Phillips asked what the second priority would be. Council Member Mergist stated he would like to work from south to north in acquiring property.

At this time the Council paused from Work Meeting to begin the Regular City Council Meeting. Upon return, the following items were discussed.

Review Proposed Changes to Heber City Personnel Policy: Anderson stated there were several changes proposed to the policy: giving guidance for a negative dilute drug test sample, correcting a section of the policy regarding the justice court judge, extending the probationary period for newly hired police officers from six months to one year, changing the allowance guidelines of sick leave donations, compensating employees that served in the military up to 120 hours, allowing the employees to use sick leave to attend the funeral of extended family members or friends, and changing the per diem rate for travel to GSA standards. Anderson expressed concern that the GSA and per diem had not been properly covered by the Personnel Policy Committee. The Council agreed to send that item back to the committee. It was agreed that the other amendments would go to the next regular meeting.

Discuss Local Bidder Incentive Ordinance 2013-06: Council Member McDonald stated he would like to continue this discussion until the next meeting when two business owners would be able to come and address the Council. The Council agreed to discuss this item at the next work meeting.

Discuss Policy Regarding Limits/Fees on the Acceptance of Credit Card Payments: Anderson indicated the Council had expressed interest in expanding City services that would accept credit cards, such as for business licenses, dog licenses and Animal Services fees.

Anderson stated the City changed to Xpress Bill Pay to service the City's current credit card payments and it was thought this popular service might attract more customers. He commented that some people might want to pay hangar fees with this form of payment. Council Member Rowland suggested using it for any service, but put a limit on the transaction amount. It was decided to limit credit card transactions to \$1,000.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder